GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Murmu Shri Rupchand

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Nomadic tribals identified so far, State-wise;

(b) the details of the recommendations made by Justice Venkatachaliah Commission in regard to Nomadic tribes in the country;

(c) the details of the recommendations accepted by the Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) The population data is available only in respect of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The details of Nomadic Tribals is not available as the Nomadic Tribes have been categorized as Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes etc. based on their socio-economic conditions in respective States/UTs.

(b) to (d) On the basis of the recommendations made by Justice Venkatachaliah Commission, a National Commission to study the developmental aspects of the De-notified Tribes, Nomadic and semi-Nomadic Tribes was set up for a period of one year, vide resolution published in Gazette of India in Part-I Section-I dated 22-11-2003. The Commission, could not, for a number of reasons, make much headway and the problem of these groups does need to be carefully looked into. Now, therefore, the Government of India resolved to reconstitute the said Commission for one year from the date of Gazette Notification of the appointment of the Chairperson, vide Gazette Notification number 12016/17/2004-SCD (RL Cell), published in Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part-I Section-2 dated 14-3-2005.